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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

COUNCIL OFFICES,
CROSS STREET, LEES,
NR. OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

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26th August, 1971.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Health of the District for 1970, and hope that this will again be found useful as a source of reference.

The mid-year estimated population of 3,910 an increase of 130 over the 1969 figure. There were 79 live births, 8 less than in 1969, giving an adjusted birth rate of 24.8 compared with the National Rate of 16.3. There was 1 infant death under one year to give an Infant Mortality Rate of 13, compared with the National Rate of 18 per 1,000 births. In Lees, due to the size of the district, all statistical information must be interpreted over several years, but at present the birth rate is above national, probably reflecting on the development of the small new housing estates being found in the district.

A total of 67 deaths were registered in 1970, 10 less than in 1969, giving an adjusted death rate of 10.3 which is the lowest rate for some years. The main causes of death being diseases of the heart and circulating system, cerebrovascular diseases and various malignant diseases.

There was an increase in the notification of Infectious Disease during the year, 89 cases being notified as against 7 during 1969. The main increase was due to 70 cases of measles being notified, parents are now advised to have their children immunised against measles.

Once again no cases of diphtheria, acute poliomyelitis were notified but parents are reminded that routine immunisation against these diseases is readily available either at the local clinic or by their own general practitioner. It is essential that 80% of all children receive routine immunisation to maintain a good level of general community immunity. Also during the year there was the introduction of german measles immunisation for girls between the ages of 11 to 14 years.

During the year further talks took place on Regional Refuse Disposal with neighbouring authorities and a report was complied, but as yet no definite proposals have been decided on.

In recent months the introduction of various legislation, and proposed legislation was beginning to be felt in local government. The Local Government Reform proposals have been published, proposing the inclusion of Lees in a Metropolitan District. The Consultative Document on the Reform of the Health Services, the Local Authorities Social Services Act of 1970 have all been published and some effects of their working and proposals are now being noted by various members of staff. As yet though no true pattern on "Health Services" development has emerged, and it is hoped that more definite plans are forthcoming particularly from central sources, though it does appear that environmental health services will remain with local authorities.

In conclusion I must thank the Chairman, Members of the Health Committee, the Clerk, the Public Health Inspector and Staff of the Health Department for their continued assistance, support and loyalty during the year, including their help in preparation of this report.

Yours sincerely,

G. R. Brackenridge,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	288
Population	
Census 1961	3,730
Estimated Mid-1970	3,910
Number of Inhabited Houses	
Estimated 1970	1,765
Rateable Value	£123,485
Sum Represented by Penny Rate	£455
General Rate per Pound 1970/71	0.73p.
(Reduced Rate for Mixed Hereditments	0.64p.)
(Reduced Rate for Dwelling Houses	0.61p.)

General Characteristics & Social Conditions of the District

The Urban District of Lees is located between the Westerly boundary of the Saddleworth Urban District and the easterly boundary of the County Borough of Oldham, being on the western slopes of the Pennine range of mountains. The Saddleworth/Lees boundary is also the County boundary between Lancashire and the West Riding of Yorkshire.

The district is divided into three Wards - North, Central and South.

Employment within the district is provided in the main by three cotton mills and four factories, together with the sale of commodities by retail.

The district is served by two major roads, the Liverpool - Leeds - Hull Trunk Road (A.62 - Huddersfield Road) and High Street (A.669). It is on the latter road that the main shopping centre is situated.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births (Total) 79

	Males	Females
Legitimate	43	34
Illegitimate	1	1

Live Birth Rate per 1000 population:-

Crude Rate 20.2
Adjusted Rate 24.8

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of live births 3.0%

Stillbirths 2
Stillbirth Rate per 1000 live and still births 25
Total live and stillbirths 81
Infant deaths (under 1 year) 1

Infant Mortality Rates:-

Total Infant deaths per 1,000 total live births 13
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate Live Births 13
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate Live Births ..... Nil
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births) ..... Nil
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births) ..... Nil
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total Live and stillbirths) 25
Maternal Mortality Rate (Including Abortion) ..... Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 live and stillbirths ..... Nil

Total deaths(all ages) 67

Death rate per 1000 population:-

Crude Rate 17.1
Adjusted Rate 10.3

Principal Causes of Deaths:-

Diseases of Heart and Circulation 32
Cancer all sites 13
Diseases of Respiratory System 6
Cerebrovascular Disease 11
Other Tuberculosis 1
Cirrhosis of Liver 1
Other diseases 3

Comparability Factor.

This factor takes into account the age and sex structure of the local population as compared with that of England and Wales as a whole and makes it possible to compare local birth and death rates with the corresponding National Rates.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS

		1970	1969	1964	1950	1935
Population		3,910	3,780	3,680	3,890	4,160
Live Births	No.	79	87	71	44	59
	Adj. Rate	24.8	28.3	23.7	12.4	16.0
Stillbirths	No.	2	Nil	1	1	1
	Rate	25	Nil	13.9	22.2	17
Total Live and Stillbirths	No.	81	87	72	45	60
Total Infant Deaths	No.	1	4	1	2	1
	Rate	13	46	14.1	45.5	17
Maternal Deaths	No.	0	0	0	0	0
	Rate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Deaths	No.	67	77	74	59	68
	Adj. Rate	10.3	13.1	17.7	15.8	15.9

CAUSES OF DEATH

	M	F	1970 Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	-	3	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	2	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms	2	2	4
Diabetes Mellitus	1	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	2	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	7	13	20
Other Forms of Heart Disease	1	3	4
Anaemias	-	1	1
Cerebrovascular Disease	3	8	11
Other diseases of Circulatory System	2	1	3
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	1	-	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	2	1	3
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	-	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1
Other Tuberculosis	1	-	1
	26	40	66

DEATHS BY AGE GROUPS

	M	F	1970 Total	1969 Total	1967 Total	1963 Total	1958 Total
Under 1	-	-	-	4	3	1	2
1-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
25-	1	-	1	2	1	) 2	) 1
35-	1	-	1	-	3		
45-	2	1	3	2	1	) 10	) 17
55-	7	3	10	16	10		
65-	5	14	19	17	24	23	13
Over 75-	10	21	31	36	37	27	20
	27	39	66	77	80	64	53

INFANT MORTALITY - 1970

There was 1 infant death during the year

INFANT MORTALITY AND STILLBIRTHS - COMPARATIVE TABLE

	1970	1969	1967	1963	1958
STILLBIRTH RATE (per 1000 total births)	25	Nil	Nil	15.9	22.7
NEO-NATAL RATE (per 1000 live births)	Nil	34	31	Nil	23.5
INFANT MORTALITY RATE (per 1000 live births)	13	46	46	16.1	46.5

	Total cases at all ages	Notified cases in age groups (Total)											Removed to Hospital	Deaths
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-		
Infective Jaundice	8	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	70	3	10	9	12	9	25	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	6	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	4	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	89	4	10	11	13	13	32	3	1	2	-	-	-	-

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

YEARLY TOTALS

	1970	1969	1967	1963	1958
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	1	4	3	6
Measles	70	5	42	25	8
Whooping Cough	4	-	1	1	-
Dysentery	-	-	3	35	22
Food Poisoning	6	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia +	-	-	-	1	-
Erysipelas +	-	-	1	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia +	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice *	8	1	-	-	-
Totals	89	7	51	65	36

* Notifiable from 1st June 1968.
\+ Not notifiable after 30th September, 1968.

CASES NOTIFIED AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING 1970

	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 65	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
	1		1		-		1	

PREVALENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES - 1970

The full list of Infectious Diseases notifiable to the Medical Officer of Health is as follows:-

Anthrax	Paratyphoid Fever
Cholera	Plague
Diptheria	Poliomyelitis (acute)
Dysentry	Relapsing Fever
Encephalitis (acute)	Scarlet Fever
Food Poisoning	Smallpox
Infective Jaundice	Tetanus
Leprosy	Tuberculosis
Leptospirosis	Typhoid Fever
Malaria	Whooping Cough
Measles	Yellow Fever
Meningitis (acute)	Ophthalmia Neonatorum

General: During 1970 a total of 89 cases of Infectious Disease were notified.

Measles:

There were 70 cases of measles notified, showing an increase of 65 over the 1969 figures. Despite the introduction of measles vaccination, this has only slowly been accepted by parents for their children. Recent preparations of the vaccine however do now appear more acceptable, but it will be several years before the influence of vaccination is felt.

Food Poisoning:

Six cases of food poisoning were notified and a considerable amount of time was spent by the Public Health Inspector in following up these cases. Public awareness and good personal hygiene are the best methods of helping to prevent these diseases particularly in preparation and handling of food.

Tuberculosis:

Two new cases of tuberculosis were notified in Lees during 1970 and one death due to non pulmonary tuberculosis was registered. At present there are 13 cases on the register.

Infectious Jaundice:

Eight cases were notified, but as the disease was only made notifiable in 1969 the true pattern of its incidence has yet to be seen.

Pathological Specimens:

A total of 2 specimens were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Withington, during 1970.

PROVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH AND RELATED SERVICES

Services under the National Health Service Act and related legislation are provided by Lancashire County Council. For these purposes, Lees forms part of Health Division No. 14. The Divisional Health Offices is situated at 'Tylon', Middleton Road, Chadderton (Tel: 061-624-6251).

A Medical Officer (Departmental) is based part time at High Street Clinic.

MATERNITY SERVICES

Mrs. F.H.M. Hughes of 7, Fern Close, Off Bridge Street, Springhead, (061-624-0839) is employed as Midwife to serve the district. Relief duties are carried out by other midwives as necessary,

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

Ante-natal clinics are held at the High Street Clinic, Lees on the second and fourth Monday in each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Tel: 061-624-4373).

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

Mrs. E. Lindley, Health Visitor can be contacted at the High Street Clinic, Lees, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. each afternoon.

Clinics are held as follows:-

Child Health	2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each Wednesday
Dental	9 a.m. to 12 noon each Wednesday

Welfare foods are obtainable at the Child Welfare Sessions at the High Street Clinic.

HOME NURSING

District Nursing service is provided by Health Division No. 14 and the District Nurse living within this area is Mrs. A. Welsby of 130 Spring Lane, Lees (Tel: 061-624-9622).

A male nurse is available in certain cases.

CHIROPODY SERVICES

Chiropody Clinics are held at the High Street Clinic every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon with the occasional Tuesday morning when demand calls.

AMBULANCE SERVICES.

The Ambulance service is administered by Health Division No. 14 and is under radio-control from a Control Centre at Whitefield (Tel: 061-766-6666).

MENTAL HEALTH

A staff of Mental Welfare Officers who are based at Divisional Health Office, work in co-operation with hospital staffs and general practitioners in all mental welfare matters.

HOME HELP SERVICES

Home helps are available to attend households where necessary, in cases of confinement, illnesses, old age and infirmity. Applications for the services of a home help should be made to the Home Help Organiser, Divisional Health Office, "Tylon", Middleton Road, Chadderton (Tel: 061-624-6251).

WELFARE SERVICES

Residential accommodation for elderly persons in need of care and attention, not otherwise available is provided by the County Council in eight homes for the elderly in Division 14.

The Statutory Services - Health Visitors, Home Nurses, Home Helps and Chiropody Services co-operate with the voluntary bodies providing 'meals on wheels', Home Visiting, etc.

CHILDRENS ACT 1948.

Statutory services under this act related legislation are carried out by the Lancashire County Council at the Childrens Department, Enville House, Ashton-under-Lyne, (Tel: ASH 2933).

HOSPITAL AND CLINIC FACILITIES

The Oldham Royal Infirmary and Oldham and District General Hospital provide all general Hospital services for this district, Infectious disease cases are usually admitted to Monsall Hospital, Manchester.

The Tuberculosis Chest Clinic at Oldham and District General Hospital provides facilities for examination of residents of this district.

Treatment Centres for Venereal Disease are available at:-

District Infirmary, Ashton	Tel: ASH 1611
Oldham & District General Hospital	Tel: 061-624-0420.

The Urban District Council is responsible for those matters likely to affect or be concerned with the maintenance of high standards of environmental health. These include :-

Inspection of houses re fitness for human habitation.
Control of infectious disease (Including food poisoning).
Control of food and food preparing premises.
Provision of suitable water supplies.
Detection and prevention of nuisance.
Prevention of atmospheric pollution.
Control of rodent and insect infestation.
Collection and disposal of refuse.
Provision of sanitary accommodation and public conveniences.

Council Offices,
Cross Street,
Lees,
Oldham.

19th May, 1971.

Report of the Public Health Inspector

To: The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

May I submit herewith the report on the sanitary circumstances of the district together with work carried out by the Public Health Department during the year ended 31st December, 1970.

The progression of the housing clearance programme was delayed to some extent by the lack of rehousing facilities: a scheme of 26 single bedroom flats was proposed for the Providence House Site in view of the demand for single bedroom accommodation. The early implementation of this scheme did not materialise due to difficulties in the acquisition of the land required. The extension of the existing Further Hey estate has been kept in mind for future use.

Refuse collection was continued on a weekly service, additional assistance having to be given to the refuse team particularly for the removal of extra-ordinary household items. The bulk rather than weight of refuse removed tended to increase during the year. The existing disposal site was supplemented by the use of Tumbling Bank Site during the year.

In considering the discussions of the area Joint Study Group on Refuse Disposal, the Health Committee indicated preference for the incineration of domestic refuse and the early establishment of an incinerator scheme to serve the joint authorities concerned.

Other details of the routine work carried out during the year are contained in the following pages.

My sincere thanks are due to the Medical Officer, the Clerk and Council Officials for their assistance and the support of the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Rustidge.

Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Foul drainage from the sewering system in the district is discharged into the adjoining Authority's sewering system by agreement with Oldham County Borough, the sewage works having been discontinued seme twelve years ago. The rate of sewage flow is measured by Recording Apparatus at the three junctions to the Oldham County Borough Sewers: the sewage receives treatment at the Oldham Disposal works at Slacks Valley within the Urban District of Chadderton.

Surface water drainage conveys surface water to the river Medlock at various points within the district. Thornley Brook also receives surface water and discharges into the Medlock River at Holts.

68 new dwellings were connected to the sewer system during the year, the separate system of drainage being provided wherever possible.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A regular weekly collection of domestic refuse has been maintained throughout the year by a team of two loaders and a driver/loader.

A rear loading S. & D. 'fore and aft' diesel engined collection vehicle carries out the collection service, the vehicle having a 20 cu. yd. capacity refuse body. Some 1,234 loads of domestic refuse and 104 loads of trade refuse were disposed of at Tip Sites during the year.

Controlled tipping with levelling and covering by mechanical shovel has been operated during the year. No salvage recovery operations are currently carried out due to the costs of recovery. Satisfactory arrangements with a local motor vehicle dismantler have been continued, ensuring the disposal of derelict and unserviceable motor vehicles in the district.

Dustbin replacement for existing properties is provided for by the Rate Fund. 134 new dustbins were issued during 1970, the type of bin supplied being the mild steel galvanised type with rubber lid, and a capacity of 2½ cu. ft. The number of moveable dustbins was estimated as 1865 at the end of 1970.

RODENT CONTROL

One trained employee carries out rodent control operations on a part-time basis. Complaints are given prompt attention: survey and inspection work is carried out throughout the district at regular intervals.

Two sewer maintenance treatments were again carried out during the year, results showing a low infestation rate in the system.

103 rodent infestations were recorded during the year. Each infestation was successfully treated. Warfarin resistance was encountered in most of the 69 mice infestations. The use of Alphachloralose and coumatetralyl rodenticides were used in mice infestations, in conjunction with the use of traps. Warfarin .01% continued to be successful in controlling rat infestations.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

All dwellings within the district are served by the water carriage system. There are approximately 247 dwellings without separate fresh water closet accommodation and 23 waste water closets remain to be converted or taken out.

Number of waste water closets, end 1970	23
Number of conversions during the year	2
Number of fresh water closets	1,945
Number of houses on water carriage system	1,728

SMOKE ABATEMENT

Eleven observations were taken on the three chimneys serving industrial furnaces in the district. Informal procedure achieved the remedy of a minor fault at one installation. Mechanical stokers were installed at the Majestic Mill as a modernisation scheme. Hand firing of the existing Lancashire boilers was formerly operated.

WATER SUPPLY

The whole of the district is served with Upland Surface Water by the West Pennine Water Board. The water is filtered at its source and sterilized by the Chloramine process.

Eight domestic water samples were obtained during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory. All were reported as satisfactory.

Arrangements on a rechargeable basis were continued by the Local Authority for the cleansing of shared branch service pipes to blocks of dwellings.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The controlling Authority for the streams in the area is the Mersey and Weaver Authority, the two larger streams being the River Medlock and Thornly Brook (Wood Brook).

Itinerant tipping of miscellaneous material continues into these streams, requiring repeated inspection and cleansing operations of the river beds.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS

During 1970, 1,293 visits were made to 972 premises, namely:-

797 dwellinghouses
131 shops
4 schools
40 factories

In dwellinghouses, 273 defects or nuisances were discovered and 213 of these were remedied. 7 Statutory Abatement Notices were served in order to ensure that the necessary repairs were carried out, together with 104 Informal Notices. In the majority of cases, informal notices obtained a satisfactory remedy.

DISINFESTATION

11 dwellings (4 Council and 7 other dwellings) in the district were found to be infested to a minor degree. Each infestation was treated satisfactorily with the use of contact insecticides (powder, liquid and/or smoke generators).

SCHOOLS

There are 4 schools in the district. Each school is served with mains water supply and connected to the drainage system.

FACTORIES

There are 20 factories in the district to which [illegible] were made. It was necessary to serve Informal Notices under the Act, the defects were found to be remedied upon reinspection.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES.

No new registrations were made during the year. Inspections of all registered premises were made.

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	No. of premises reg. during the year.	No. of Reg. premises at end of year.	No. of Reg. premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	-	3	3
Retail Shops	-	27	27
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses.	-	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.	-	7	7
Fuel Storage Depots	-	2	2
Total	-	40	40

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

	Type of property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
No. of properties in district	2,147	1
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	102	1
No. of above infested by:- rats	33	1
mice	69	-
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	82	2
No. of above infested by:- rats	-	-
mice	2	-

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Selling of food stuffs is the main type of trade carried out by the shops in the district, 54 out of the total of 83 shops selling food for human consumption.

The following list sets out the various food trades:-

General grocers and provisions dealers	23
Greengrocers and fruiterers	4
Fishmongers	1
Butchers	5
Bakers and/or confectioners	4
Fried fish shops	3
Shops selling sugar confectionery minerals, ice-cream, etc.	3
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars, and similar	11
	54

The number of inspections carried out to the above premises totalled 131.

MILK

Licenses for pasteurised, sterilized and untreated milk are issued by the Lancashire County Council.

A total of 24 milk samples (two of which were Channel Island Milk) were taken by the staff of the County Medical Officer of Health, all samples yielding a satisfactory result.

The District Council also submitted 40 samples of milk to the Public Health Laboratory for examination.

Ice-cream is not manufactured in the district. The majority of the ice-cream is retailed in wrapped form from registered premises in the area. 9 samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination, 7 Provisional Grade I results were obtained and 2 grade II.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES

There are no Slaughter Houses in the district.

SAMPLING OF FOOD

The Lancashire County Council carry out food sampling in the district and the following were obtained during 1970:-

1 Beef Sausages
1 Fresh mincemeat
1 Meat Pie
1 Cream Cakes
1 Brawn
1 Tonic Wine
1 Bronchial Mixture
1 Soda Tablets
1 Part of a Christmas Pudding

The County Analyst gave adverse reports on:-

Sample	Result of Analysis	Action Taken
Brawn	Meat Content only 57% should be 60%	Vendor interviewed and cautioned.
Part of a Christmas Pudding	Contained a piece of waterproof wound dressing made of perforated P.V.C. with an adhesive containing zinc oxide and including a woven cotton strip, cut from a longer piece and of total length 5.9 cm. width 7.3 cm. and pad width 1.7 cm. weighing 2.584 grammes.	Prosecution Fined £50 Costs £18.75

HOUSING

1. Number of new houses erected during 1970:-

(i) By the Local Authority	Nil
(ii) By other bodies or persons	68 houses

2. Total number of Council owned dwellings at the end of the year 205.

3. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.

(i) a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	247
b) Total number of inspections made for the purpose	411
c) Number of dwelling-houses in a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	165
(ii) Total number of dwelling-houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit (estimated)	148

4. Houses Demolished

	Number	Displaced during the year	
		Persons	Families
Not in clearance areas. As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	20	5	3

5. Unfit Houses Closed

	Number	Displaced during the year	
		Persons	Families
Under Section 16(4) 17(1) and 25 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	5	14	4

6. Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(i) After informal action by Local Authority.	89	Nil
(ii) After formal notice under -		
(a) Public Health Acts	16	Nil
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Acts 1957	Nil	Nil

7. Number of Unfit Houses in Temporary Use, Housing Act 1957 NIL

8. Number of Houses purchased by Agreement NIL

9. Number of Clearance Areas represented NIL

10. Housing Act and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 and Housing Acts 1969 Improvement Grants

No applications have been submitted to the Council during the year for Improvement Grants under the above legislation.

The Council have resolved to consider individually any such applications received.

11. Housing Purchase and Housing Act 1959, and Housing Acts 1961 and 1964 Standard Grants

Action during the year:-	Number of Dwellings or other buildings affected
(i) Applications submitted to Local Authority for improvement to full standard	39
(ii) Applications approved by Local Authority for improvement to reduced standard.	Nil
(iii) Total applications approved by Local Authority.	39
(iv) Work completed	37

The number of Grants paid during the year was 31, total amount being £5,438.80p.

12. Housing List.

At the end of the year, the requirement for dwellings was as follows:-

74 - 1 bedroom accommodation
47 - 2 bedroom accommodation
27 - 3 bedroom accommodation

6 cases of overcrowding were known to exist at the end of the year.

FACTORIES

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	5	17	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A.	15	22	8	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (Excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	20	39	8	-

Cases in which defects were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred: To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Remp. (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) (CELLAR)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	8	8	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
	8	8	-	-	-

Outworkers

Nature of work (1)	Section 133: No. of out workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases default in sending lists to Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failing to supply lists (4)	Section 134: No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices Served (6)	Prosecutions. (7)
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